

REMARKS

Applicants have recently become aware that the translation of the specification regarding conventional methods of producing chlorosulfonyl isocyanate on page 1 is inaccurate, and accordingly, is being deleted. Chem. Ber., 89, 1071 (1956) teaches the reaction of cyanogen chloride and sulfur trioxide at low temperatures to obtain intermediate products of chloropyrosulfuryl isocyanate (PSI) and dichloro-[1,4,3,5]-oxathiadiazine 4,4-dioxide. The dichloro-[1,4,3,5]-oxathiadiazine 4,4-dioxide is then removed by filtration, and the remaining filtrate is distilled. The product is obtained as a mixture of PSI and chlorosulfonyl isocyanate. This method is not preferred because it is complicated and unreacted PSI remains mixed in with the target product.

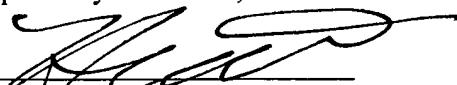
Additionally, Applicants note that the temperature was changed from -50°C to -5°C in the second full paragraph under the heading "BACKGROUND ART" in order to correct an obvious typographical error. A person reading West German Patent No. 928896 would recognize that the reference teaches a reaction at -5°C, not -50°C.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with questions or comments regarding the present amendment.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. NIW-032US. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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